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THIS WEEK

Charity in Moviedom; Science and Crime; Shrewd Old France; Coolness of Coolidge

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

SAW an interesting little episode in Hollywood the other night. One of the most prominent male movie stars in filmdom was walking along the street. An old woman walking in the opposite direction had her arms full of bundles and was leading a small boy by the hand. Just in front of our movie star she dropped one of the bundles. The movie star saw it, but made no motion to pick it up. A one-armed old man was near by. He rushed in front of the film star and picked up the bundle for the old woman. All three went their ways.

That night I read in a Los Angeles paper an account of the kind-heartedness of this same movie hero, telling of his recent contributions to charity.

I wonder if he realizes that charity comes from the heart and not from the pocketbook.

A CORRESPONDENT writes that unemployment is the chief cause of crime. Science disagrees. So does philosophy.

Science is teaching courts that criminals are mentally diseased. Psycho-analysts, working with judges in big cities, are proving every day that most criminals need mental treatment and not punishment.

Philosophers of the Freud school contend, with logic, that mental disorders which make for crime are results of conditions set up in the unconscious mind during childhood. Remove the cause of the condition and you reform criminals, say they.

I AGREE with our correspondent that idle hands are apt to work for the devil. But to point the finger of blame for all crime or even most of it at unemployment is illogical.

There is crime in communities—and lots of it—when work of all kinds is plentiful. For criminals, born or made, are not the working kind.

Permanent solution of the unemployment problem will help, but cannot alone bring about an end of crime.

To do that men must be changed from the inside. Science, exploring hitherto undreamed wonders of body and brain, is already fumbling at a solution.

PHILOSOPHY, probing the marvelous machinery of mind, is finding the way to correction by auto-suggestion.

A few hundred years from now there will be neither unemployment nor crime. Machinery and elec-

tricity will cut the working day in two. Science and philosophy will successfully treat and cure the mentally undeveloped. The state will pay for curing criminals rather than for punishing them. The prison will give way to the hospital. The hope of the world, now as always, is in the hands of science and philosophy.

IT is almost impossible for the diplomats of the world to match the astute international politicians of France.

Clemenceau won every point he fought for at the council table of Versailles.

Downing street in London cannot get up early enough in the morning to outfit Quai D'Orsay.

A flock of little nations in the Balkans owe France money. So does Italy. So does Russia. The Balkan nations cannot possibly pay. Neither can Italy. Russia, under the Soviet, has repudiated all the debts of the Czarist regime, including those of France.

France knows she cannot collect these millions of debts. So she offers to cancel them. Wonderful diplomacy!

The agile French mind probably figured it out somewhat after this fashion:

"Here are a lot of debts. The Balkan countries cannot pay. Neither can Italy. Russia will not. We are in more or less of a political muddle in Europe on account of the Ruhr. We need good will. If we cancel these debts that we cannot collect anyway, we will be repaid in increased good will. So we'll trade a pile of bad debts for a mountain of moral support. Besides, if we cancel our debts to others, Uncle Sam may cancel our debt to him."

Oh, France! You are as astute in diplomacy as you are courageous on the fields of war.

IT is reassuring to witness the wisdom in President Coolidge's determination not to leap before he looks. This thin-lipped Yankee man of the hour is not afraid of stating his convictions. His record proves his courage. But he will not commit himself to decisions prematurely arrived at. You may be sure of that. He says there will be no coal strike. He doesn't say how he intends to stop it. But the country may be pretty sure that there will be no coal strike, when a man of Coolidge's courage and ability to act and act positively comes out with the flat statement that there will be no coal strike. A man of parts is in the president's chair. But he is not shooting before he takes aim. We can all be thankful for that.

10-UNIT COURT DOUBLE DUPLEX START SOON

Housing Situation to Be Relieved Here at Once

S. H. Bradbury of Long Beach will start the building of a ten-unit bungalow court in block 69 on or about September 10, and M. A. Russell of Torrance will start the erection of a double duplex house and one single bungalow on lot 24, block 70, at the same time.

Scully & Cox, local real estate firm, is furnishing the money for the buildings through their loan department. Several other homes will be built in Torrance through this firm, which will relieve the housing situation here.

Anyone owning a lot that is clear can borrow money from the above firm to build either business or rental property.

Go To Cincinnati For Their Parents' Golden Wedding Day

Mrs. George Haneschka of Torrance and her sister, Martha M. Lacker, 433 Park View, Los Angeles, left last Sunday for a visit to their former home in Cincinnati to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Lacker, Sr. Mr. Lacker is one of the oldest and best known contractors and builders of Cincinnati.

Before returning in October they will spend several weeks at Niagara Falls, New York, and the Grand Canyon.

Paul Morse is driving a new Cleveland Chummy sedan.

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Century Comedy—"LOTS OF NERVE" NEWSYVENTS

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 4-5

Jack Holt, Wanda Hawley and Walter McGrail

"Nobody's Money"

Mack Sennett Comedy—"MA AND PA"

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, SEPT. 6-7

Mary Miles Minter and Antonio Moreno

"The Trail of the Lonesome Pine"

Baby Peggy in "THE KID REPORTER" NEWSYVENTS

SATURDAY, SEPT. 8

"The Law of the Lawless"

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